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SUBJ: CABINET REORGANIZATION ANNOUNCED BY LEGISLATIVE DECREE

1. LEGISLATIVE DECREE (NO 267) PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE JAN 10 MADE CERTAIN CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF CABINET. MOST SIGNIFICANT ITEMS ARE:

- A. POST OF MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ESTABLISHED (ELIAS BALOPOULOS ACTING SINCE EARLY DECEMBER HAS ALREADY BEEN SWORN IN AS INCUMBENT).
- B. MINISTRY OF ENERGY ABOLISHED AND ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS AND PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY.
- C. POST OF UNDERSECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY ESTABLISHED.
- D. POSTS FOR TWO UNDERSECRETARIES FOR MINISTRY TRANSPORT/ COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED (DIOLYSIOS YALISTRAS ALREADY ACTING SINCE EARLY DECEMBER HAS BEEN SWORN IN AS INCUMBENT FOR ONE OF THESE POSITIONS).
- E. GENERAL SECRETARIAT TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HENCEFORTH TO BE OPERATED AS A DIRECTORATE GENERAL.
- F. DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY IS ABOLISHED AND ALL OFFICES FORMERLY ATTACHED TO IT NOW BECOME PART OF THE DIRECTORATE

GENERAL IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. (THE ABOLISHED DIRECTORATE GENERAL HAD PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF KALFIZIS GOVERNMENT BEEN OPERATED FROM OFFICE OF CONSTANTINE PAPADOPOULOS AS MINISTER
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TO PRIME MINISTER).

G. PRIME MINISTER NOW OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AS PERSONALLY DIRECTING ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIEATS GENERAL OF PRESS/INFORMATION AND YOUTH/ATHLETICS.

2. CURRENT LEGISLATIVE DECREE CONSTITUTES REVISION TO LAST FUNDAMENTA

REORGANIZATION OF CABINET STRUCTURE (LD-175, SEPT 24, 1973). UNDER THAT EARLIER DECREE, THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY WAS ESTABLISHED, BUT NO PROVISIONS HAD BEEN MADE FOR UNDERSECRETARIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY OR IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION/CUMMUNICATIONS.

3. PRESS REPORTS PROSPECT OF FURTHER LEGISLATIVE DECREE WILL BE ENACTED

WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REVISE COMPOSITION OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC (SEE ATHENS AIRGRAM-280, SEPT 21, 73). REPORTS SUGGEST THAT AS RESULT OF CONSTITUENT ACT NO 1 DATED DECEMBER 17,73 WHICH ELIMINATED CERTAIN EXTRAORDINARY POWERS OF PRESIDENT, VARIOUS COUNSELLOR POSITIONS WITHIN PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE WILL NO LONGER

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